

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

U.S. DISTRICT COURT
AUGUSTA DIV.

FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

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AUGUSTA DIVISION

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DION MAURICE WOODS,)
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Petitioner,)
)
 v. CV 110-039
) (Formerly CR 107-031)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
)
 Respondent.)

ORDER

After a careful, *de novo* review of the file, the Court concurs with the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation, to which no objections have been filed.¹ Accordingly, the Report and Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge is **ADOPTED** as the opinion of the Court. Therefore, Petitioner's § 2255 motion is **DISMISSED**.

Further, a federal prisoner must obtain a certificate of appealability ("COA") before appealing the denial of his motion to vacate. This Court "must issue or deny a certificate of appealability when it enters a final order adverse to the applicant." Rule 11(a) to the Rules Governing Section 2255 Proceedings. This Court should grant a COA only if the prisoner makes a "substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). For the reasons set forth in the Report and Recommendation, and in consideration of the

¹On February 17, 2011, the Court granted Petitioner's motion for an extension of time and gave him until March 18, 2011, to file his objections to the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation. (Doc. nos. 14, 15.) However, Petitioner has filed no objections.

standards enunciated in Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 482-84 (2000), Petitioner has failed to make the requisite showing. Accordingly, a COA is **DENIED** in this case.² Moreover, because there are no non-frivolous issues to raise on appeal, an appeal would not be taken in good faith. Accordingly, Petitioner is not entitled to appeal *in forma pauperis*. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3).

Upon the foregoing, Respondent's motion to dismiss (doc. no. 5) is **GRANTED**, Petitioner's § 2255 motion is **DISMISSED**, this civil action is **CLOSED**, and a final judgment shall be **ENTERED** in favor of the United States of America.

SO ORDERED this 30th day of March, 2011, at Augusta, Georgia.


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

² "If the court denies a certificate, a party may not appeal the denial but may seek a certificate from the court of appeals under Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 22." Rule 11(a) to the Rules Governing Section 2255 Proceedings.